

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1107

Introduced by Assembly Member Arambula

February 23, 2007

An act to amend Section 65072 of, and to add Section 15571 to, the Government Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1107, as introduced, Arambula. Goods movement: small businesses and microenterprises.

Existing law requires the Department of Transportation to prepare the California Transportation Plan, which contains policy, strategies, and recommendations elements. Existing law requires the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development to lead the preparation of a biennial California Economic Development Strategic Plan with various elements relative to promoting economic development. Existing law requires \$2 billion of the funds made available pursuant to the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide\ general election, to be allocated by the California Transportation Commission for trade corridor improvement projects in consultation with the Goods Movement Action Plan prepared by the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency.

This bill would require the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing, the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Department of Agriculture, in support of the preparation of the California Economic Development Strategic Plan and in support of the updating of the California Transportation Plan, to establish an advisory committee to assist in an assessment of shipping needs and practices

of small businesses and microenterprises, and to prepare a report to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature by January 1, 2009, containing various assessments and recommendations in that regard. The bill would also require updates to the California Transportation Plan to take into account these findings and recommendations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) Small businesses and microenterprises form the core of
4 California's \$1.4 trillion economy. They comprise more than 90
5 percent of all businesses and are responsible for employing more
6 than 50 percent of all workers in the state, and account for nearly
7 64 percent of all new employment growth. Small businesses and
8 microenterprises are a major engine driving California economy
9 and economic development.

10 (b) The Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and the
11 California Environmental Protection Agency have prepared a
12 statewide Goods Movement Action Plan to guide the allocation
13 of \$3.1 billion from the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air
14 Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 (Chapter 12.49
15 (commencing with Section 8879.20) of Division 1 of Title 2 of
16 the Government Code). The Goods Movement Action Plan
17 identifies solutions among California's goods movement corridors
18 to reduce congestion and accommodate the expansion of trade
19 between this state and the rest of the world, and was developed to
20 promote economic growth, encourage the creation of new
21 high-paying jobs, and address environmental challenges posed by
22 goods movement activities.

23 (c) The Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 65072
24 of the Government Code, periodically updates the California
25 Transportation Plan, which contains goods movement strategies.

26 (d) In recognition of the important contribution that small
27 businesses and microenterprises make to California's economy
28 and economic development, it is in the state's best interest to assess
29 both the goods movement needs of those entities and the role they

1 play in goods movement activities within the context of the Goods
2 Movement Action Plan's proposals.

3 (e) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Secretary of
4 Business, Transportation and Housing, the Secretary of Labor and
5 Workforce Development, and the Department of Agriculture report
6 on the needs and opportunities of small businesses and
7 microenterprises in goods movement for the purpose of maintaining
8 the vitality of these entities, supporting state and regional economic
9 development, enhancing the Goods Movement Action Plan,
10 updating the California Transportation Plan, and assisting the
11 process of making decisions regarding the allocation of funds from
12 the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port
13 Security Fund of 2006.

14 SEC. 2. Section 15571 is added to the Government Code, to
15 read:

16 15571. (a) The Secretary of Business, Transportation and
17 Housing, the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development, and
18 the Department of Agriculture, in support of the preparation of the
19 California Economic Development Strategic Plan, pursuant to
20 Section 15570, and in support of the updating of the California
21 Transportation Plan prepared pursuant to Section 65072, shall do
22 all of the following:

23 (1) Establish an advisory committee to assist in an assessment
24 of shipping needs and practices of small businesses and
25 microenterprises in this state. Membership on the advisory
26 committee shall be representative of the nine geographic regions
27 identified in the Regional Economies Project on Small Businesses,
28 Microenterprises, and Emerging Industries. Advisory committee
29 members shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

30 (A) Representatives of small businesses and microenterprises
31 that ship goods as a regular part of their manufacturing, fabrication,
32 or other activities.

33 (B) Representatives of small businesses and microenterprises
34 that are solely involved in goods shipment logistics.

35 (C) The Director of Transportation or his or her designee.

36 (D) The Director of the Office of Small Business Advocate.

37 (E) A representative of the California Workforce Investment
38 Board.

39 (F) A small business representative of the California Economic
40 Strategies Panel.

1 (2) Perform an assessment of all of the following:

2 (A) The extent to which the proposals recommended by the
3 Goods Movement Action Plan adequately accommodate the goods
4 movement needs of small businesses and microenterprises on a
5 statewide and regional basis.

6 (B) The extent to which the goods movement strategies in the
7 California Transportation Plan consider the goods movement needs
8 of small businesses and microenterprises.

9 (C) Additional proposals that may need to be incorporated in
10 the Goods Movement Action Plan and the California Transportation
11 Plan to address the goods movement needs of small businesses
12 and microenterprises on a statewide and regional basis.

13 (D) Statewide and regional opportunities for small businesses
14 and microenterprises to participate in the state's goods movement
15 logistics sector, including a review of how these entities may assist
16 in the implementation of environmental justice policies of goods
17 movement.

18 (3) Report on all of the following:

19 (A) The characteristics of goods movement practices of small
20 businesses and microenterprises.

21 (B) The priority goods movement needs of small businesses
22 and microenterprises.

23 (C) The ways in which small businesses and microenterprises
24 participate in the goods movement logistics industry.

25 (D) The ways and extent to which California's goods movement
26 industry currently accommodates the goods movement needs of
27 small businesses and microenterprises.

28 (E) The extent to which the proposals in the Goods Movement
29 Action Plan will assist and benefit small businesses and
30 microenterprises in this state.

31 (F) Recommendations for additional measures that can be
32 incorporated into the Goods Movement Action Plan to improve
33 the competitive position and vitality of this state's small businesses
34 and microenterprises.

35 (G) Recommendations on how state economic development
36 programs, in order to help to implement the proposals contained
37 in the Goods Movement Action Plan, can promote the participation
38 of small businesses and microenterprises in goods movement
39 activities.

1 (b) The report prepared pursuant to this section shall be
2 submitted on or before January 1, 2009, to the Governor, and to
3 the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
4 for distribution to the relevant policy and fiscal committees.

5 SEC. 3. Section 65072 of the Government Code is amended
6 to read:

7 65072. The California Transportation Plan shall include all of
8 the following:

9 (a) A policy element that describes the state's transportation
10 policies and system performance objectives. These policies and
11 objectives shall be consistent with legislative intent described in
12 Sections 14000, 14000.5, and 65088. ~~For the plan to be submitted~~
13 ~~in December 1993, the policy element shall address any~~
14 ~~opportunities for changes or additions to state legislative policy~~
15 ~~direction or statute.~~

16 (b) A strategies element that shall incorporate the broad system
17 concepts and strategies synthesized from the adopted regional
18 transportation plans prepared pursuant to Section 65080. The
19 California Transportation Plan shall not be project specific.

20 (c) A recommendations element that includes economic forecasts
21 and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor to
22 achieve the plan's broad system concepts, strategies, and
23 performance objectives.

24 (d) *Updates to the California Transportation Plan shall take*
25 *into account findings and recommendations made by the Secretary*
26 *of Business, Transportation and Housing, the Secretary of Labor*
27 *and Workforce Development, and the Department of Agriculture*
28 *pursuant to Section 15571.*